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## REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

### THE GREAT COMMONER

About a month ago, on March 19, to be exact, there occurred the hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Jennings Bryan, who when he was 36 told the Republican Party that "you shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold," a prophecy the Republicans proceeded to prove mistaken that year of 1896 and on many subsequent occasions.

Bryan was 55 when the present writer first interviewed him, in 1915, just after the Great Commoner, as we liked to call him in those days, had resigned as Secretary of State in protest against President Wilson's policy toward Germany, which Bryan, a worker for peace for many years, felt sure would precipitate war. You felt the moment you saw the man that though he might not have the greatest brain in the country, he surely had one of the great hearts.

After all that's happened since, one feels how pathetic was the sincerity with which Bryan as Secretary of State sought to insure world peace by getting signatures to document after document, each one of which proved, in the notorious words of a German statesman when Belgium was invaded, a "scrap of paper."

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### NO NEED FOR SCORN

Bryan thought, too, that if we could just get a prohibition law passed we'd become a better and a soberer people. Well, we didn't.

But those of us who like to believe, or hope, that we are the people as opposed to the big exploiters of the people armed with crowns of thorn and crosses of gold, needn't be scornful of this man. He was of us and for us. He actually believed in democracy. He worked hard and long for the popular election of Senators, for the setting up of the Department of Labor, and for woman suffrage, and his great influence helped undoubtedly to bring these good things about.

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### MONKEYS

Unfortunately the one thing many remember about him is the Scopes trial, that he died as the result of prosecuting a teacher for believing in the Darwinian theory.

But just a few weeks ago a teacher was fired for NOT believing in the Darwinian theory. That's history for you — you might say it makes monkeys of us all.

**BUILDING SERVICE UNION** increased California membership between 1954 and 1959 from 29,769 to 42,559—43% gain.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## 'Fly-by-Night' operators are rapped at BTC

Linoleum & Carpet Layers 1290 has asked the Building Trades Council to help spread the word to union people and to consumers in general that some materials and workmanship are being sold to householders in East Bay which are of inferior quality.

The stuff is put over by "slick, fast talking salesmen," says the local, "workmanship is generally sloppy and the work poorly done; piecework and inexperienced nonunion men working at all hours mean a bad job."

On one job recently, it is stated, "there were six men, one of whom had had six months experience teaching five others, working Saturday at piece rates, installing poor material in a home owned by a union man. He was stuck — he had signed the contract and had to pay for workmanship and material he will never be satisfied with."

Local 1290 then gives some plain advice:

"Beware the fly-by-night. He may have an office here and a seemingly permanent operation, but these types from city to city usually staying from six months to two years in one place.

"Your regular contractor or established local dealer can give you better material, better workmanship and lower prices consistent with quality.

"One good way to check is to insist in the contract you sign that the work shall be done by men who are members of AFL-CIO Building Trades Unions. Then check their cards when they show up for work. No cards — no work.

"You will have saved yourself many headaches."

This week the following signed statement was given to East Bay Labor Journal:

Frankly, I am getting very tired of seeing people who claim to be good union men working on jobs alongside nonunion workers, and buying goods and services from outfits that they

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## Carpenter hiring hall topic April 29

The controversial Hiring Hall procedure was discussed at the last meeting of Carpenters Local Union 1622, Hayward, after having received a letter from Local Union 848 and Local Union 1473 regarding changes in the present procedure of dispatching men to jobs.

A motion passed, inviting these Locals to send a speaker to our next meeting, April 29th at 8 p.m. to outline their views on how they suggest changes in the present procedure. C. R. Bartolini, Secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters was also invited to talk on the Hiring Hall procedure.

## New Journal editor is elected

### Ray Cirimeli in office, appoints 3 labor people

Ray Cirimeli, past president of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, attended Monday night his first meeting of the Albany City Council as a member of that body.

Cirimeli has been made vice mayor, and was appointed by Mayor Kathie Zahn as Commissioner of Health and as Commissioner of Parks and Recreation. He is also chairman of the council's finance committee, the other member being Joe Carlevaro; this committee has the important function of auditing the city's accounts.

Under the charter of Albany, each member of the City Council has a right to name a member of each of the city's commissions. Of the four so appointed by Cirimeli, three are labor people: to the Civil Service Commission, Carl MacWilliams of Contra Costa Electrical Workers 302; to the Zoning and Planning Commission, Andrew Kammerle, Automotive Machinists 1546; to the Library Board, Mrs. Carl Bremer, wife of the former recording secretary of Millwrights 102. To the fourth body, Cirimeli appointed Mrs. Arnold Innes, wife of a phone official.

Cirimeli says that he wishes to thank the labor movement of Alameda County for giving him so much support, which he felt did a great deal toward making him the candidate who polled the highest number of votes in the recent election.

### 4½-year rise in prices in this area came to hesitant halt in March

The 4½-year rise in San Francisco consumer prices came to a halt in March, according to Charles A. Roumasset, acting Western regional director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Over the December-to-March quarter, lower automobile prices and cheaper foods more than offset higher housing costs, dropping the Bureau's Consumer Price Index for San Francisco by 0.2% to 131.6 (1947-49=100).

This was the first decline since December 1958, and only the second time since June 1955 the index has failed to show a rise.

### Coffee House, New Lucky, and the Culinary Unions

"We're there to stay, and we are going to win," said Fran Childers, secretary of Culinary Alliance 31, of her pickets who are being picketed by Coffee House New Orleans in Alameda.

As for New Lucky's, she said the culinary unions still have strike sanction, but the dispute has been tentatively adjusted, it is hoped permanently.

### CLC RESUMES REGULAR MEETINGS NEXT MONDAY

The Central Labor Council will resume its regular weekly series of meetings Monday, May 2. This week there was no meeting due to the joint Building Trades Council-Central Labor Council supper at Jack London Square in connection with the change of editorship of East Bay Labor Journal.

### New Labor Journal editor a stalwart unionist & writer

Paul S. Williams, who within a few weeks will become editor of East Bay Labor Journal, is a young and vigorous man of 35 who has already had wide experience in labor journalism, including five weeks service last year on East Bay Labor Journal.

Williams has been a reporter for the San Jose Mercury-News since March 1, 1954. For practically this entire period, he has covered the labor beat. He knows the majority of paid officials and many others in the labor movement in Santa Clara County.

In addition to the labor beat, he has covered several other beats and has done extensive feature and special assignment work for the San Jose newspapers. He has won prizes or honorable mention in four newspaper writing contests in the last six years.

While the Mercury-News was closed by a strike last year, he had temporary employment for nearly five weeks at East Bay Labor Journal. He was in complete charge of all news copy in the paper, gathering items, writing them, editing copy, making up pages and assisting with production of virtually the entire paper except editorials, editorial features, the Reader-Owner column and advertisements.

Also during the strike, he was welfare chairman and a member of the executive board of the San Jose Newspaper Guild. At the conclusion of his work on East Bay Labor Journal, he worked on the San Jose Reporter, the strike newspaper.

Williams was born and attended schools in San Jose. He served overseas during World War II and received an A. B. degree in journalism at the University of California.

At UC he was managing editor of the Daily Californian and a member of the student local of the American Newspaper Guild. On the Daily Californian, MORE on page 3

### COPE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS MAY 3

The executive committee of the Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE) meets 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.

General meeting a week later, on Tuesday, May 10.

### Paul Williams of San Jose chosen; Journal fete held

The Labor Paper Advisory Committee has elected Paul Williams, for some years labor editor of the San Jose Mercury-News, to the editorship of East Bay Labor Journal, soon to be made vacant by the retirement of Louis Burgess, editor for the past 13 years.

This announcement was made by Robert S. Ash as president of the Labor Paper Advisory Committee at the joint Building Trades Council-Central Labor Council supper held at Jack London Hall in connection with the change of editorship.

The Labor Paper Advisory Committee is composed of five representatives of the Central Labor Council and five of the Building Trades Council. They are:

Central Labor Council — Robert S. Ash, CLC secretary; W. Douglas Geldert, Building Service Employees 18; Leslie K. Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; Ed Reith, director, Alameda County Council on Political Education; DeWayne "Bud" Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546.

Building Trades Council — J. L. Childers, BTC business representative; William Weber, Steamfitters 342; Lloyd Child, Sheet Metal Workers 216; J. H. Kurt, Electrical Workers 595; C. R. Bartolini, Carpenters 36.

The election of the new editor was made at a meeting of the Labor Paper Advisory Committee held Monday afternoon, which was the last of a series of such meetings held over the past few weeks. Williams was chosen from a list of several able men of experience, including men from another State who were familiar with the tradition of East Bay Labor Journal.

A brief biography of the new editor, with a full account of his experience and training, will be found in the adjoining column.

Ash announced that the present editor would continue in charge until Williams has arranged his affairs so that he can take hold.

The supper fete at Jack London Hall was attended by some 300 members of the labor movement in Alameda County. It was co-chaired by President Joseph Pruss of the BTC and President Russ Crowell of the CLC. Talks were made by them on the policy of East Bay Labor Journal and the reputation it has achieved for straight reporting and straight-from-the-shoulder editorial comment.

Other speakers who dwelt with many strokes of humor and touches of reminiscence on the same theme included Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Federation of Labor; J. L. Childers, business representative of the BTC; Robert S. Ash, secretary of the CLC; and Joe

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# HOW TO BUY

## Food prices moving up

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Watch out for higher food costs from now until fall. Meat prices are edging up, pork won't be quite the bargain it's been recently. You'll need to select meats carefully at the meat counter to restrain costs for the next several months. In May, poultry, eggs and beef chunks still are comparatively reasonable.

May is a month of spring clothing clearances. One of the best values being offered this spring is print and solid-color dresses of dacron, and dacron-and-cotton, for under \$10, lowest price yet. These drip-dry fabrics are crease-resistant and require little or no ironing, thus are a top choice for warm-weather wear. Machine-washable resin-treated cotton dresses in classic shirtwaist styles also are being offered for as little as \$7.50-8.50.

May also is a good month to find price cuts on television sets in the closeouts of this year's models. You'll also find special sales on washing machines and cooking ranges, and sheets and towels in the white sales.

Beware getting involved in high mortgage costs with excessive extra fees, especially for second mortgages. Actually there is more money available for mortgages than lenders admit. Many are holding back on first mortgages and seeking to use their funds for second mortgages on which they can get interest rates of 8-10 per cent. Some lenders currently are offering second and even third mortgages in newspaper ads as a way to consolidate bills. This is both a dangerous as well as costly way to borrow money.

On conventional first mortgages, interest rates now aver-

age about eight per cent higher than a year ago. But the tight money situation is loosening up. Fortunately, Congress delayed approval of the Administration's recent demands to raise interest rates on the money the Government itself borrows. This Congressional stubbornness may well have saved the Government and the tax-paying public many millions of dollars. Follow that lead in your own borrowing. It will pay you to shop more widely among all the lenders in your area for the lowest possible rates.

**Preplanted Gardens**—Many homeowners are asking about the new preplanted flower and vegetable gardens, reports the U.S. Agriculture Department information office. These are lengths of cotton wadding in which a variety of seeds are embedded. They sell for as little as 98 cents for a 15-foot length. You simply roll out the preplanted mat on the ground where you want a garden. You can cut the mats to any wanted shape or length. The mats come planted either with "cut flowers" (providing a variety of plants over 10 inches tall), or "edging mixtures" (yielding shorter plants).

Preplanted gardens have won cautious approval from several state agriculture experiment stations despite some variation in quality of different brands. The mats simplify planting and conserve seed since they can't be washed or blown away. The wadding also discourages weeds during early growth, although some weeding is necessary later.

But there have been disappointments, too, warn the agriculture-experiment testers.

### In one basket

When you are doing your regular weekly cleaning keep all your cleaning supplies in a basket which can be carried around. This is a real time and energy saver. Another time saver is to have separate sets of cleaning supplies and equipment on each floor.

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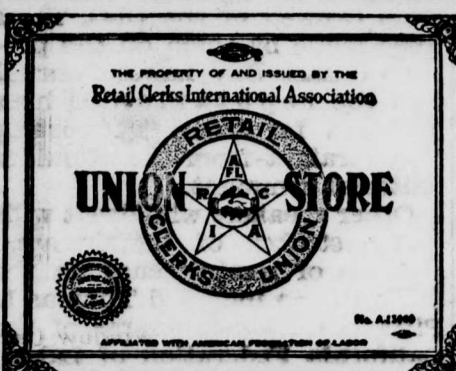
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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

**DRUG PRICES** are high, the public relations magicians of the industry explained to Senator Kefauver's committee investigating those prices, because so much money has to be spent by American drug manufacturers in research.

Dr. Frederick H. Meyers of the UC Medical School in San Francisco told Kefauver's committee recently that this claim is nonsense, that actually most of this research is done in Europe by European firms, and that in America "far from leading in drug progress it appears that our industry has usually followed, and often after a clear lag."

**THE REAL REASON** we are charged such high prices for drugs, this expert on the subject implied, is because so much money is spent by the American industry in "exploiting and marketing" foreign discoveries.

In other words, our drug people aren't bright enough or energetic enough to make discoveries, but they are bright enough to know whether a green package or a red bottle with gold stripes around it will sell the more pills costing a penny apiece for a dollar per pill.

**THE FORMER HEAD** of the medical department of Squibb Laboratories, Dr. A. Dale Console of New Jersey, added his testimony to that of Dr. Meyers, and said that the drug industry has a simple maxim in selling its products, namely, "if you can't convince 'em, confuse 'em," that the drug industry "is unique in that it can make exploitation appear a noble purpose," and that since "so much depends on novelty, drugs change like women's hemlines."

Those public relations men for the "noble purpose" industry will have to do a good deal of Madison Avenue laboratory work to offset these cruel remarks by men who seemingly know what they're talking about.

### Mr. Husband stages comeback

American husbands, reputedly shorn of much of their domestic authority, seem to be trying to get it back.

And in many cases the wives say they'd like for the men to reassume their old jobs as master of the house.

These tendencies — among couples of all faiths — were reported by Roman Catholic leaders who have made intensive studies in the field.

"There's a trend for men to reassert their position of leadership," said the Rev. Kenneth J. Dolan, church family-life director in Scranton, Pa.

"Year by year, more fathers are beginning to take the initiative as head of the home."

But it's a tough struggle for them to recoup, as the analysts see it, in view of how far U.S. husbands have gone in losing their traditional role of steering the family. — Associated Press.

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### Budget in four steps

Two bugaboos of budget plans — bookkeeping and paperwork — have been reduced to a minimum in a four-step budget suggested by the Institute of Life Insurance.

• List the family's annual take-home pay, plus any other income that comes in during the year, such as dividends and Social Security checks. Divide the total by 52 to arrive at the family's weekly income.

• List the family's fixed obligations for the year, including rent or mortgage payments, utilities, charitable contributions, life insurance and other insurance premiums, an estimate of clothing costs and payments on loans. Divide by 52.

• Decide how much the family will want for its annual emergency fund for medical bills, household repairs and so on. If a goal of \$200 a year is set, it would take a weekly allotment of \$4.

• Add the weekly averages of fixed obligations and the necessary emergency funds and subtract the total from the average weekly income. The remainder is the sum available each week for food, allowances, running the house and recreation.

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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**BARGAIN HUNTING** has been a traditional interest of housewives, so it is only natural that the advent of the supermarket has provided a wide field for the furthering of this interest.

Supermarkets vie with each other in advertising marvelous money-saving "specials," and housewives, often more confused than canny, tend to dash from one to another in order to keep the purchases inside the ever-shrinking budget.

Dr. Helen Canoyer, dean of the New York State College of Home Economics, has questioned the value of this kind of bargain hunting.

In the first place, the shopper must have a car, a big expense. Well, she probably has a car, anyway. But there is an added expense in running this car here, there and everywhere which is not always justified by the pennies saved on individual purchases.

More important, Dr. Canoyer thinks, is the wear and tear on the shopper herself. She must bundle the kids into the car, find a parking place, walk to the store, trundle a cart up and down in the store, stand endlessly at checking-counters, often arriving home more dead than alive.

However, many women enjoy this sort of shopping, and Dr. Canoyer calls attention to the fact that the modern supermarket bears a strong resemblance to the old "general store" which was abandoned some decades for the much smarter specialty store.

The supermarket has not, for the most part, become a community meeting place for gossip and cracker-barrel philosophizing, although there is some meeting and chatting by neighbors. But the supermarket, like the old country store, carries all sort of merchandise, from food to refrigerators to drugs and nylons.

The country store, though, had something which the modern emporiums lack. Many will remember, for instance, Petar's at Bolinas, persisting long after many such had gone, which carried everything, from food to kerosene, from dry goods to hardware, supplied several times a week by their own boat which chugged in and out of the Golden Gate with its loads of freight and sometimes passengers.

It's doubtful whether our amazing supermarkets will ever have such charm as those old stores had.

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## Paul Williams of San Jose chosen; Journal fete held

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W. Chaudet, general manager of East Bay Labor Journal.

President Al Gruhn of the California Labor Federation sat at the speakers table, as did Al Brown, former president of the Central Labor Council, of whom CLC President Crowell said, "We are expecting Al Brown back some day to take his old place with us." All present were glad also to have the wives of speakers present at the head table. The wife of the retiring editor was also present.

John Francis Henning, director of the Department of Industrial Relations, was present, as was James H. Quinn, former editor of East Bay Labor Journal, long a member of the State Board of Equalization, and now on the City of Oakland staff. Congressman Jeffery Cohelan and Charles Roe of Carpenters 1622 sent telegrams regretting their inability to be present.

Among those present who were introduced to the assembled diners were Bill Nicholas, who recently retired as secretary-treasurer of Warehousemen 853; Elton Bovey, and Mike Kelley of Newsdrivers 96; and George Hunt, Milk Drivers 302.

The editor soon to retire was presented with a fine "miracle" clock and a handsome wallet by the staff of East Bay Labor Journal, and a generous gift certificate for the purchase of books by the organized labor movement of Alameda County, as it was known he planned to pursue more extensively in retirement his studies in literature and natural history, and would for this require additional books.

Burgess said that his longtime friend, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, had a few hours earlier warned him on the phone, "for Criminy's sake don't you break down and cry when they start saying nice things about you tonight," and assured all present that he felt so deeply moved that he felt "Jeff knew what he was talking about."

The retiring editor then outlined his theory and practice of the art of labor journalism, first admitting that all the previous speakers had "scooped" him, since they had evidently caught on to what he had been up to during the past 13 years.

## 24,000 air pilots from 41 nations elect head

ISTANBUL, Turkey — C. N. Sayen, president of the Air Line Pilots, has been re-elected president of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots Association at its 15th annual conference here. He will be serving his eighth consecutive term.

The international federation represents 24,000 pilots from 41 nations. One of the federation's chief goals is maintenance of high safety standards in international aviation. — AFLCIO News.

## Job as Tri-State Coordinator of Sheet Metal Workers open

This is to notify the members of Local No. 216 of their rights to make application for the position of Executive Coordinator, a position that is being established by the California, Arizona and Nevada Tri-State Council.

The following is the general outline of the conditions and requirements:

1. The title of this job shall be "Executive Coordinator" of the Tri-State Council of California, Arizona and Nevada.

2. The Executive Board shall select an Executive Coordinator from the list of eligible applicants with not less than three (3) years good standing in the Tri-State Council. (Eligibility as defined in the Constitution of our International Association.)

3. The salary and fringe items; The Salary shall be \$10,000.00 per year, payable semi-monthly; \$17.60 per month Health and Welfare Fund, 10¢ Pension Fund, 2 weeks vacation.

4. The Tri-State Council shall purchase an automobile, Plymouth, Ford or Chevrolet, not to exceed \$3,500.00.

5. Estimated Expenses:

\$100.00 per month for gas and service.

\$25.00 misc. car expenses.

\$300.00 per month out of town expenses.

\$25.00 per month additional office rent, as the new appointed Coordinator shall operate out of the present San Francisco Tri-State Council Office; desk space is available there and all required stationery will come from the present Council Office.

The assignment of the Executive Coordinator will be as follows:

His supervision shall be by the Chairman and the Executive Board and he will be responsible to the Tri-State Council.

1. Maintain files on current contracts in effect in Local Unions affiliated with the Tri-State Council.

2. Maintain current and complete files of information, photos and letters of employers' verification on jobs performed by Local Unions which may support other locals in substantiation of work coming within the jurisdiction of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

3. To provide above information and the material to Local Unions when requested.

4. To conduct a program of information and public relations contact with and to contractors, builders, architects, and other interested parties concerning Sheet Metal Workers jurisdictional trade practice, etc., in the Construction Industry.

5. To conduct and participate in any additional activities as

deemed necessary in behalf of the Tri-State Council subject to direction of the Council's Executive Board.

6. He shall be responsible for the coordination of the Union Label Program; also assist the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of this Council on all political or legislative matters of direct interest to our Industry.

Anyone interested shall file application in writing, outlining their qualifications for the job NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1, 1960. Executive Board shall be called for interviewing applicants immediately after June 21, 1960. It is anticipated that employment of Executive Coordinator shall commence on July 1, 1960.

Address application to: Robert E. Mogel, Secretary - Treasurer, Tri-State Council of California, Arizona and Nevada, 2940 Sixteenth Street, San Francisco.

It should be understood that this position will require time being spent in various cities of each of the three states.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## Hub Badger is on Agricultural Board

H. J. (Hub) Badger, secretary-treasurer of Cooks 228, has been appointed by Governor Brown to the board of directors of the 23rd District Agricultural Association in Contra Costa County.

The Governor's office in announcing the appointment said:

"Badger, a Democrat, lives on his 45-acre ranch on Franklin Canyon Road in Martinez, raises horses and cattle, and is a founder of the Central California Horse Association. He is past president of the Contra Costa Horsemen's Association and active in other state and national horsemen's groups."

## Nine-day garden show to open Saturday, April 30

"From Kew to Kyoto", the 28th Annual California Spring Garden and Home Show, will burst into public bloom at the Oakland Exposition Building next Saturday morning, April 30, and remain for a nine-day showing of exotic landscapings and latest home and garden ideas.

The 1960 floral extravaganza features a dual theme, symbolizing a jet age perspective on the world's great garden centers, both Oriental and Occidental.

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## 'Collective Bargaining' session May 11 with 4 major experts speaking

"Current Trends in Collective Bargaining" will be discussed in the Terrace room of the Hotel Fairmont in San Francisco under the auspices of the UC Institute of Industrial Relations, beginning with a luncheon at 12 noon Wednesday, May 11, and continuing until 4:30 p.m.

The major speakers will be David L. Cole, attorney and permanent arbitrator under national contracts between unions and industries; Arthur J. Goldberg, general counsel for the United Steelworkers and other labor groups; William H. Smith, executive vice president, San Francisco Federated Employers; and Arthur M. Ross, director, UC Institute of Industrial Relations.

Conference fee including lunch is \$8. Further information can be supplied by William E. Rogin, THornwall 5-6000, extension 2571/72.

## Psychosis diagnosis is given on Congress floor

Bill Drohan of IUE calls attention to the following verse (author unknown) which was recited on the floor of Congress by Rep. John Dingell (D., Mich.):

If you make a diagnosis of the medical psychosis,  
That is now identifiable as AMA Disease.

You will find the hypertension is induced by any mention

Of a method whereby patients can afford their doctor's fees.

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## New Labor Journal editor a stalwart unionist & writer

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he was in charge of makeup and also wrote some of the editorials.

Following graduation, he worked for United Press in San Francisco for about three months. He then enrolled at San Jose State College for 1½ years to earn a California general secondary teaching credential. His teaching fields are Social Science and English. He taught English and Journalism at the Albany (Calif.) High School during the 1950-51 school year.

During the summer of 1951, he re-enrolled at UC as a graduate student in political science but dropped out in the fall for financial reasons. From September, 1951, to March, 1954, he covered the Concord area for the Contra Costa (Martinez) Daily Gazette. He also covered traffic accidents and water problems on a county-wide basis.

In addition to the above, he has held the usual summer and interim jobs. During the strike, he did some substitute teaching, and last fall taught a night school class in current events for the San Jose Unified School District.

He is pack committee chairman for Cub Scout Pack 2, Los Gatos.

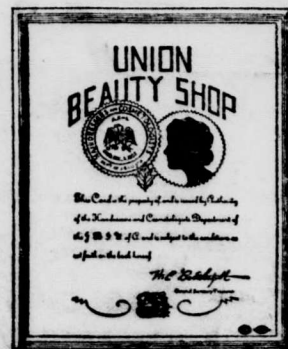
At UC and San Jose State, he belonged to journalism, education and scholastic honor societies.

He is 35 years old. His wife, Aileen, and he have five children. Two are pupils at Daves Avenue Elementary School and another attends University Avenue Intermediate School in Los Gatos.—LB.

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## Millmen 550

By ANTHONY L. RAMOS

Our special called meeting last Friday voted to approve a four cent increase in per capita tax to the State Carpenters Council organizing fund, to approve a one cent increase in the State Council fund for a Legislative defense fund and to reject a change in the State Council constitution on referendum voting. When the votes of all Locals in the state are tabulated we will report the final verdict.

**POLITICAL.** Last week I attended the one-day conference in San Francisco of COPE (California Organization for Political Education), called in reference to the primary elections June 7. On other pages of this paper you will see conference reports and endorsements.

The facts report state by COPE Secretary Tom Pitts indicate a need for a better job in registering citizens of minority groups. He reported that Contra Costa County was named a high priority area for voter registration because over 10,000 Spanish-speaking citizens are NOT registered, and that Half of the Negroes of voting age in California are not registered to vote.

COPE thinks labor did a pretty good job in '58, defeating Proposition 13, and making a complete change in the composition of the State Government. But in spite of this, from Washington we got the Landrum-Griffin Bill aimed at stifling unions.

Obviously we must bestir ourselves to get everybody registered to vote and to present the COPE program to the voters.

**FLUORIDATION.** One argument of the group against fluoridation of our drinking water is that we would then be forced to use the medicated water. However, we don't recall having heard anyone of this group protest Atom Bomb Tests that shower everyone with harmful radiation. The dental associations recommend fluoridation as a beneficial public health measure.

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## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Sanford Jewelers, on Fourth Avenue in San Mateo, has again employed a watchmaker and signed a new union agreement. Even though the watchmaker is only working short hours at the present time, we sincerely hope the repair department can be built up into a full time job.

Another news item I know will be of interest to a number of you members who remember or know Ainsley Edmunds as that Ainsley was elected City Councilman in the city of Milpitas at the election held a week ago, and was installed in his chair in the City Council last week.

This is quite a step forward for Ainsley inasmuch as, you will remember, he was severely burned in a fire in Milpitas a few years ago.

Ainsley opened up a jewelry store in Milpitas but had to close it following the fire accident. Knowing Ainsley as a good union member we are quite sure that the working people of the city

of Milpitas will be adequately represented through Ainsley's election to the City Council.

**SAN JOSE MEETING NOTICE:** San Jose members please note that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 8:00 p.m., at the Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

## Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

For the second time we are being forced to change our agreement in the middle of the stream, due to well laid, "turn back the clock" plans of the National Association of Manufacturers.

I am referring to changes we must make to comply with the Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin bills.

On May 9th, a Special Called meeting will take up this matter, and changes in the District Council By-Laws. It is essential that you attend the meeting as both of these items will be discussed and voted on. You should have a good understanding of our agreement for your own protection, and you should also take an active interest in the actions and rulings of the D. C.

Thinking of the Council . . . I am reminded of a cartoon I once saw. It showed a cartful of produce with a burro on each end pulling in opposite directions. The story line was that they could get the produce to Market if they would just pull together. If they continued going their own direction they would merely waste a lot of time and eventually lose everything.

The Council is comparable to the Cartful of Produce. We, the Locals, instituted it and we support it financially. We SHOULD reap the profits. The Cart can go nowhere by itself. No one gains anything if it sits still.

## Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to inform our membership that we have at last been successful in completing a list of journeymen who are ready and willing to come forth with the necessary \$100.00 to attend this first class in plastic types and fabrication. I wish to thank personally those half dozen persons who were the first to register and formed the nucleus for this class. Among the registration are at least two, maybe three, of our sheet metal apprentice teachers, which means that other classes of plastic will follow in the fall for journeymen and apprentices.

REGISTER NOW FOR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

At this time I also wish to give thanks to Mr. Michael v.E. Rulison of the Engineer and Sci-

ence Division of the University of California and to Mr. Fred Mangelsdorf, Associate Dean of Evening Classes, who incidentally is retiring this summer after many years of teaching in trade schools and has been very cooperative with local labor organizations. Both these men have given unsparingly of their time.

REGISTER NOW FOR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Elsewhere in this paper members will find a notice of a job opening for a qualified Sheet Metal Worker. Happenings like this and our advent into plastic education show what the officers of the Sheet Metal organizations are doing to make work for our members. Everyone can help—let us hear what your views are on the subject.

REGISTER NOW FOR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

The following Death Assessments of the Tri-State Council are now due and payable: No. 441-442 and 443. Brother Fred Zech, No. 141256, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on February 23, 1960. Brother John J. Ryan, No. 116259, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on February 24, 1960 and Brother John Joseph Milias, No. 103406, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away on March 13, 1960.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Last year's negotiations between the utility, mechanical and industrial pipework contractors, the Mechanical Contractors Association of Northern California and this local union provided that effective July 1, 1960 an increase of 25¢ per hour would be granted to be used at the option of the union.

At the last membership meeting, your negotiating committee recommended that Thursday, June 2, 1960, be a special called meeting for the purpose of voting on how to apply the increase. The membership concurred in this recommendation. The committee also advised those present that if any member wishes, he may appear at the meetings of the negotiating committee and present any suggestions in respect to the application of the 25¢ increase.

As you know, most of our membership are employed by national contractors, signatory to national agreements, and it is well to keep in mind that these national contractors, under their national agreement, are obligated only to pay certain benefits, namely, wages, health and welfare, pension, vacation and apprenticeship or journeyman training funds, in which the employer participates or becomes a party to the negotiations and becomes a party to the local union agreement.

So, it is of most importance that you try to arrange your

affairs so that you may be present at the meetings of May 5 and May 19, 1960, at which time this matter will be discussed. The voting will be held on June 2, 1960.

The question was brought up recently as to the number of new members, who have cleared into this local union since July 1957, under Section 170 of the United Association constitution. Our records reveal that since July 30, 1957 to date, this local union has received 80 transfer cards, that is "new members". Of these 80 new members, 10 were initiated in our local, 15 were members of our local previously. This leaves a balance of 55 members. Now, since August of 1957 to date, we have issued 33 transfer cards — "members leaving". Subtract 33, who transferred out, from 55, who transferred in, leaves a balance of a gain of 22 over a 3-year period.

Again, be sure to attend your membership meetings.

## Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Have you ever said, "The Local hasn't done a damn thing for me!" . . . ?

May I ask, "What have you done for the Local?"

Ex-member Edwin Ingalls now licensed and doing business as "Speck & Spot Painting Co." . . . The best of luck, Ed.

Brother "Red" Forbes entering the hospital Thursday the 21st for surgery on his shoulder . . . Our best wishes, Red.

On Monday, May 2nd you must re-register in the office if you are still out of work, and each Wednesday thereafter.

Received word that former member and retired painter, John Chamberlain, passed away in Florida on April 5th, aged 72.

Robert Napolitano became a daddy again for the 4th time, welcoming a daughter on March 31st.

Don't forget the very special meeting on Monday, May 9th to vote on new Council by-laws and changes in agreement.

Our deepest sympathy to Brother Harry Peterson on the passing of his daughter, Sally Louise, Age 14.

## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who doesn't get slightly swelled in head, when union friends are kind enough, to tell us their wives read our stuff?

How about that? Politicians connive to win lady supporters, and we have lady readers. Somebody up there must like us.

Wish our 1304 members would give some consideration to our union. We have elections coming up in June. All offices are open. The election will determine the administrators of our union for the next two years. Nominations will be held June 2nd, and elections, June 16th. Please note. To Editor Burgess on his retirement:

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

There will be a special order of business at our next regular meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 1960 for the nomination of ten delegates and two alternates to attend the Grand Lodge Convention at St. Louis in September 1960. The election of delegates will be held at the second regular meeting, May 17, 1960 at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland under special order of business which will be held at approximately 9:00 p.m.

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m. the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE — ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The next meeting of your Local will be April 28, 1960. This is a special called meeting to have the second reading of the Local's new bylaws.

Also the Local has invited the Business Manager of the Bay Area welfare plan, vacation and pension plan and all labor trustees of all the Painters plans to be present at the Local's next meeting to answer any question that the members present may want to ask about all our plans.

Members! Be sure and attend this meeting if you want to find out the benefits you should receive for the money you put into the different plans.

Fraternally yours,  
ED. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1473

Special Called Meeting—There will be a Special Called meeting on Friday, May 6, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

In addition to the regular order of business the special order will be the nomination of one trustee.

The election will be on June 17, 1960, same time and place.

Fraternally,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## UC EMPLOYEES 371

Local 371 welcomes all you new members: R. E. Kipp, Chester Higgs, J. D. Gray, N. M. Martin, Ed Glazier. We will be looking forward to your attendance at our next regular meeting, on May 14, 1960.

Fraternally yours,  
A. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

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## BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

A special meeting has been called for 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 9, 1960 for the purpose of the referendum vote on the following:

1. Proposed changes in the Bay Area agreement to conform with new labor laws.

2. Proposed changes in the Bay Area welfare trust fund, the investment of monies and employers participating in the welfare program.

3. The proposed changes in District Council 16 bylaws.

4. And any other business that may come before this meeting.

Our regular meeting of Friday, May 14, 1960 has been cancelled. The subject matter to be considered is very important to each and every member. Won't you exercise your given right by attending this special meeting and cast your vote as you feel will be in our best interests? Remember, 8 p.m. May 9, 1960. See you then?

Fraternally yours,  
GENE SLATER,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Official Notice—Important!

The nominations for officers and delegates of Local 1622 will be held Friday, May 6, 1960, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, at 8 p.m. This is to nominate candidates for trustees and candidates to the convention of the California State Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the California State Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County and the Alameda County COPE. This early date for nominations is required by the new Federal Labor Law of 1959. The election will take place in June as usual and notification will be mailed as the law requires.

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple unless otherwise specified. A stag social for members will follow the April 29 meeting.

Commencing with the month of May the Alameda County blood bank mobile unit will be stationed at the Labor Temple every 3rd Monday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. of each month until further notice. The public is invited and asked to donate blood for this worthy cause.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
FRANK V. McINTOSH,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE! The special meeting of Monday, May 9, has been changed to the Culinary Workers Hall at B and Montgomery Street, Hayward. (Our regular hall at the Labor Temple is not available for this night.)

This special meeting is to vote on the District Council's bylaws, changes in the agreement, and any other business that may come before us.

Yours fraternally,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINT MAKERS 1101

Nominations for the following offices will be held at the Regular Meeting May 17, 1960.

Business manager (financial secretary-treasurer), to serve for a 3 year term; 1 trustee, to serve for a 3 year term; warden, to serve for a 1 year term (to finish unexpired term); 1 trustee, to serve on the health and welfare and pension trusts. To be nominated from members covered by the union plans.

Elections for these offices will be held June 21, 1960.

Date: May 17, 1960; Time: 8:00 p.m.; Place: Hall "C" Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally yours,  
EDWARD MORGAN,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Special Meeting—There will be a Special Called meeting May 16, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. at Finnish Hall at 1970 Chestnut Street. In addition to the order of business, the special order will be nomination of one trustee. The election will be on June 20, 1960, same time, same place.

Fraternally yours,  
NICK AFDAMO,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

You are requested to attend a special called meeting, Friday, at 8:00 p.m., May 13, 1960, at 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California, for the nomination of a trustee (three year term).

This will be followed one month later with the election of a trustee (three year term) Friday at 8 p.m., June 10, 1960, at 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California.

Stewards will meet at 8:00 p.m., May 19, 1960, at the above address.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., May 25, 1960, at Carpenters Hall.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

NOTICE!

June 2, 1960 has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of voting by secret ballot on the application of our 25¢ increase, due under our collective bargaining agreement.

It is very important that you attend this meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES H. MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

## COPE, 13TH A. D.

The 13th Assembly District COPE meets every second Wednesday at 696 B Street (upstairs), Hayward, at 8:30 p.m. Executive Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Please note time changes.

Dues for 1960 are now due and payable with a grace period allowed until April 1st.

Union members who are also affiliated with the Central Labor Council or the Building or Metal Trades Councils are invited to attend and join the 13th AD COPE. Wives are also urged to join. Dues are \$3.00 per year for members and 60¢ additional for spouse.

The need for workers during this election year is profound. Labor needs help in government more than ever before. Stand up and be counted now.

Fraternally,  
JO EDWARDS,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
13th A. D. COPE

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held May 3 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 5th 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

DON'T FORGET! Nominations for 1304 Officers June 2nd. Elections, June 16th.

Fraternally,  
D. ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## Pattern-setting pacts by the Textile Workers

BOSTON—Wage increases ranging from 6.5 to 10 cents an hour have been won by the Textile Workers Union of America in pattern-setting agreements covering two major segments of the industry.

Pay boosts from 6.5 to 10 cents were gained in negotiations under a wage reopening with Berkshire-Hathaway, Inc., which employs 6,000 workers at seven plants in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.—AFLCIO News.

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## Berkeley schools' money need told by citizens group

The Berkeley public school system, seeking voter approval of a school tax adjustment on the June 7 ballot, is in many respects below standards established by studies of other U. S. systems made by Dr. James B. Conant, famed Harvard educator.

Although he refrained from discussing the local school problem in relation to accepted means of partially solving them at the polls, Doctor Conant emphasized teacher quality and teacher quantity for schools under the mounting pressure of higher enrollments and acute financial problems.

"We must think first in terms of another person rather than another dollar," he said, referring to school systems in general.

Doctor Conant made several observations along these lines during a discussion with representatives of Berkeley Citizens for Better Schools, a volunteer group supporting the tax adjustment, before he left for the East after a lengthy visit here.

Doctor Conant also believes that the average school teacher's salary should be under constant study "to see what is necessary to bring it up to competitive levels." Berkeley administrators have noted a trend of teachers to move to other communities for salary and other reasons.

The average full-time Berkeley teacher earns about 8 per cent under the average competitive salary in the Bay Area, studies have shown.

Of considerable concern to a number of communities, he noted, is their inability to retain top-notch teachers, and when this is true, "we should ascertain why our teachers are leaving," he said.—Berkeley Citizens for Better Schools.

## Tech adult talk

"Southeast Asia and the World Today" is the subject of Dr. Claude E. Buss, lecturer at the Oakland Technical Adult School Public Affairs Forum Tuesday evening, May 3rd, 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Claremont Junior High School Auditorium, 5750 College Avenue, Oakland. Dr. Buss is a professor of political science at Stanford University.

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## Spanish-speakers prepared to vote

Officers and leaders of the Community Service Organization, meeting in Los Angeles to evaluate the results of its state-wide voter registration campaign, announced that over 35,589 citizens of the State of California have been registered to vote from January 1 to April 14, 1960, by over 272 Community Service Organization deputies and voter registration coordinators. This does not include, however, the numbers registered through deputies working independently from CSO, but who received stimulation and some assistance from the active example given by CSO workers.

The campaign concentrated upon 21 counties of California where live the greatest number of Spanish-speaking voters and where the CSO now has active chapters.

As part of its full program of stimulating interest in the registration program, the national office also reported that a state-wide "meet your candidates" meeting will be held in Santa Barbara on July 15, 16 and 17, at which time CSO members from all over California will have an opportunity to hear candidates for the presidency and Congress of the United States.

## Brown acts on two consumer fronts

Governor Edmund G. Brown has taken what he announced as positive action on two fronts to protect the interests of California consumers.

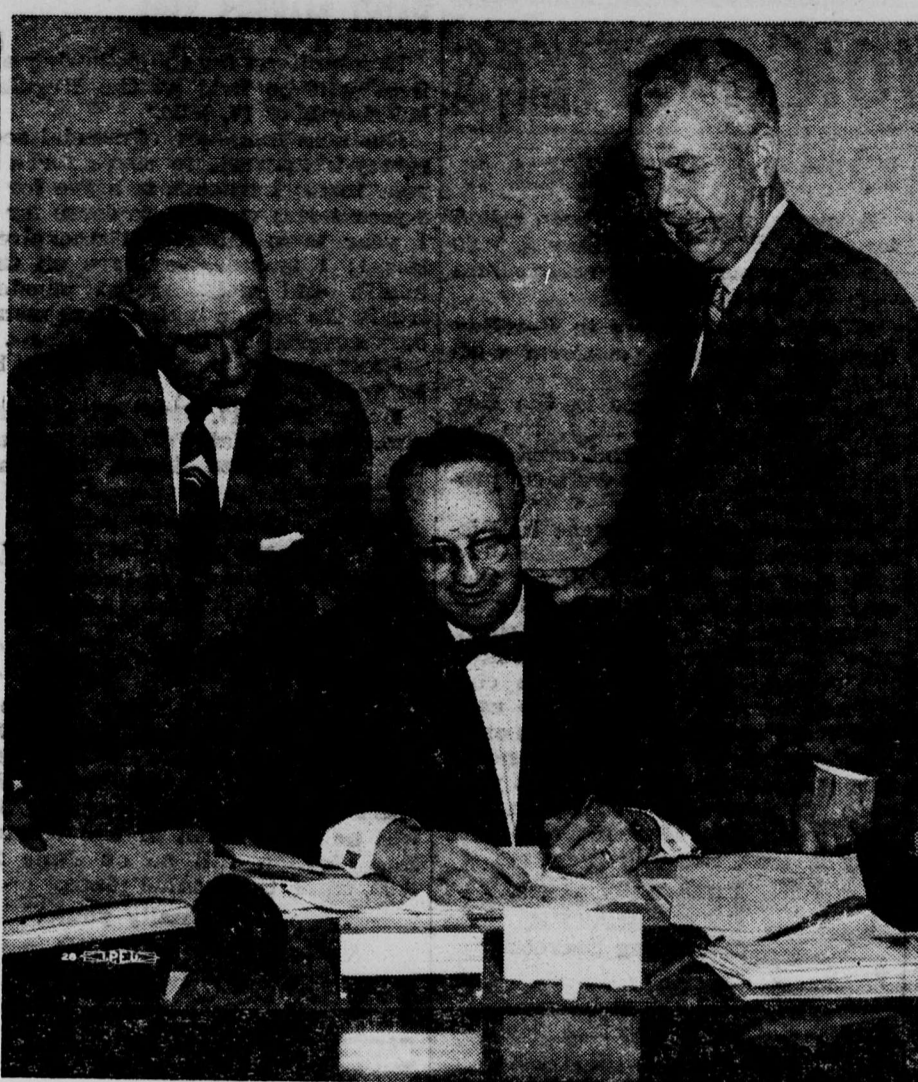
The Governor, "increasingly concerned about the skyrocketing costs of natural gas to consumers," called a conference on the problem to be held in Sacramento in June.

At the same time, State Consumer Counsel Helen Ewing Nelson, sharply criticized standards limiting the amount of pesticide chemical residues permitted to remain on foods.

## Mill management guilty as charged

WASHINGTON—The National Labor Relations Board has found the management of a Franklin, N.C., hosiery mill guilty of illegal "interference," restraint and coercion in an effort to block a 1959 unionizing drive in which a Hosiery Workers' organizer was brutally beaten.

The board ordered the management of Franklin Hosiery Mills, a subsidiary of the giant Burlington Mills Corp., to end interference with employees "in the exercise of their right to self-organization." At the same time it ordered reinstatement of two unionists laid off for union activities.—AFLCIO News.



**BTC-SPONSORED PROJECT**—Lamar Childers (center), business representative of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO, signs contract officially authorizing construction of the new \$750,000, 60-unit cooperative Winton Grove Apartment Homes in Hayward to be built under BTC sponsorship. Also pictured are Joseph F. Pruss (left), president of the BTC and chairman of the five-man BTC committee directing the project, and Dean Morrison (right) of Morrison Style-leader Homes, who will build the development.

## BTC signs the contract for sponsored apartment homes

Construction of the new \$750,000, 60-unit cooperative Winton Grove apartment homes in Hayward was officially authorized with the signing of a contract between the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO, who will sponsor the project, and Morrison Style-leader Homes, who will build it.

Representing the council were Lamar Childers, BTC business representative, and BTC President Joseph F. Pruss who has been named head of the five-man BTC committee directing the project. Dean Morrison of Morrison Style-leader Homes signed in behalf of his firm.

Final plans for the first modestly priced apartment-home co-op of its type in the Bay Area are now nearing completion and ground will be broken by June 1, with occupancy slated for December. A completely landscaped development—including private patios and a community pool—the project is composed of 10 separate buildings divided into six apartment home units each. All units are split-level, with family kitchens, two large bedrooms, one-and-a-half baths and individual carports.

Sponsorship of the project, incidentally, also will provide many additional jobs for trade union members—as well as modestly priced, attractive housing for their families.

Architect-designed, the development will feature leisurely suburban living—minus the work—with all general maintenance part of the cooperative plan, including managerial service, garden service, interior and exterior painting, care of the pool, etc. Each unit comes complete with range, refrigerator, washer, dryer and garbage disposal. Located near Winton avenue just off Nimitz freeway, the new Winton Grove apartment homes also will be within easy commuting of all East Bay business and industry, and with excellent shopping and community facilities directly nearby.

The generous FHA financing means that apartment home owners will be able to move in for a down payment of \$487. Monthly payments will come to just \$109.15—including principal, taxes, interest, all insurance—and full maintenance. The complete apartment will sell for \$12,149 and carry an FHA mortgage of 5¼%.

The units are now being signed up by prospective purchasers, with first choice going to BTC members. Persons wishing further information are asked to contact Lamar Childers, BTC Council, 2315 Valdez street, GL encourt 1-2474.

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## N. Y. Times special on labor's policy in world affairs

American labor's stake in world peace and freedom will be given national and international distribution in a special 16-page illustrated supplement in the Sunday New York Times of May 8.

This authoritative, documented analysis of the critical world situation available just before the Summit conference, will be based on the expert papers and analyses presented at the AFLCIO Conference on World Affairs in New York City April 19-20.

It will contain also articles in depth explaining American labor's deep concern with foreign policy, with the struggle for peace and freedom, with its accomplishments in building and expanding the free world labor movement.

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## Oakland College summer sessions

Oakland City College will offer a six-week summer session at both the Laney and Merritt campuses from June 20 to July 29, according to Dr. Clement A. Long, assistant superintendent and director of the college. In addition to the day program, evening trade - extension and other college classes will be offered at the Laney campus.

Enrollment will be open only to high school graduates and students 18 years of age and over. Although courses will be limited to those for junior-college credit, an extensive offering of courses in liberal arts, business, and vocational programs will be available.

## Labor history magazine is launched in New York

NEW YORK — A new magazine dealing with American labor history has made its debut with a series of articles and book reviews covering developments in the labor movement over the past six or seven decades.

"Labor History," published by the Tamiment Institute, will appear three times a year. Its first issue of 100 pages contains articles by John A. Garraty, Gerald D. Nash, Philip Taft and Archie Green, as well as a number of reviews. — AFLCIO News.

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## Linoleum Layers' warning against 'fly-by-nighters'

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know perfectly well are non-union.—Glenn A. McIntire, APPRENTICESHIP STAMP

The stamp honoring apprentice education devised by the Idaho building trades for issuance by the Government was endorsed by the council.

### GATE AUTHORITY

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers was authorized to attend the Golden Gate Authority hearing to be held May 10 in Jack London Hall, Oakland.

### WRECKERS

Childers reported that some of the wrecking contractors have been giving trouble again, but seemed to have been got back into line.

### EL DORADO OIL

The business representative also reported that the El Dorado Oil Company, with which the council has had some trouble before, announces that it intends to use maintenance men on some new construction work which the building tradesmen normally have as theirs.

### HAYWARD BOYS CLUB

Leroy Barstow of the Hayward Painters said that he is on the board of the Hayward Boys Club, and is chairman of the committee to get the cooperation of labor people in the building of a new clubhouse for that organization. He said he felt sure he could count on cooperation. He added that San Leandro already has its new clubhouse built for the boys, and that it will be serving many thousands of youngsters, as will the Hayward one when completed.

BTC President Joseph Pruss said that he was sure Barstow would get cooperation, but it must be realized that the Hayward project was coming hard on the heels of the San Leandro one, to which building tradesmen had given a considerable amount of work.

## Many jobless in building trades

Irving H. Perluss, director of the California Department of Employment, states that March marked the end of the five months' long seasonal rise of claims for unemployment insurance in the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area. The number of jobless filing claims remained virtually unchanged, dipping slightly from a weekly average of 39,400 in February to 39,300 in March.

March claims averaged 15 percent higher than the 34,100 of March 1959, primarily because of slowness in the construction industry.

Manufacturing plants in the San Francisco Bay area employed 4,700 more workers this March than a year ago, John F. Henning, California Industrial Relations director, reported. The current total of 198,400 wage and salary workers is 2 percent above March 1959.

The increase resulted from expansion in a number of industries. Employment in motor vehicles of 7,600 in March was up 1,700 from a year ago. Food processing employed 37,700 persons, 1,400 more than a year ago. Gains of 1,000 were recorded in stone, clay, and glass; machinery; and electrical equipment.

Largest year-over-year losses were in private shipyards, down 900; fabricated metals, down 700; and primary metals, down 500.

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## Many building tradesmen out of work, yet county leads in industry bldg.

Industrial building permits issued during the first quarter in the nine Bay Area counties reached a record high of \$12,290,777 this year, nearly three times the value of those issued during the first three months of 1959. According to a report released by the San Francisco Bay Area Council, industrial permits issued during March also set a record, \$6,426,284, the highest monthly total in 15 months.

Heaviest first quarter activity took place in Alameda County where permits totaled \$5,311,440. Second and third places were held by Santa Clara with \$3,987,498 and San Mateo with \$1,436,544, the Council reported.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## Collective bargaining about the same as 1959

WASHINGTON — Collective bargaining as it is shaping up in 1960 probably will bring wage hikes "at least equal to and most likely somewhat larger than in 1959," according to an AFLCIO analysis.

In fact, with the cost of living edging up only slightly, it should be possible for most unions to win greater "real" wage increases than in recent years, commented Collective Bargaining Report, publication of the AFLCIO Dept. of Research.—AFLCIO News.

## International study is set up for labor group

GENEVA — An AFLCIO goal for assisting budding trade union movements was attained here when the 8-nation International Labor Organization voted to set up an International Institute for Labor Studies.—AFLCIO News.

## Swim pool owners warned by State

With spring here, and warmer weather enhancing the lure of the swimming pool, Thomas N. Saunders, chief of the State Division of Industrial Safety, Department of Industrial Relations, reminded swimming pool owners and operators of the need to make certain that pool lighting systems are kept in good working order.

"The danger of electrocution from poorly maintained underwater pool lights is a very real one," Saunders said. "There have been at least two deaths from this cause within the last year, and several persons have received electrical shock when swimming near underwater lights."

Proper maintenance by qualified electricians is essential, Saunders said.

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## Tom Nicolopoulos takes over May 1 as leader of State conciliators

Thomas J. Nicolopoulos becomes supervisor of the State Conciliation Service, May 1, says John F. Henning, director of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Nicolopoulos, 43, a conciliator with the State Service since 1948, placed first in a promotional examination among service personnel.

The new head of the State Conciliation Service is now secretary-treasurer of the National Association of State Mediation Agencies.

Bowers plans to remain active in the industrial relations sphere as an arbitrator of labor-management disputes and as instructor of industrial relations.

A graduate of the University of California, Nicolopoulos resides in Oakland with his wife, Sarah, and two children, James, 14, and Peter, 11.

## THE DAY THERE WAS NO WATER

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## General Electric gets ethicaler and ethicaler

General Electric, some of our readers may remember, was recently indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Philadelphia on seven charges of collusive bidding, rigged prices, secret meetings, and secret code names used in an alleged conspiracy to carve up the market among the big companies. The jury felt it had been proven sufficiently to warrant prosecution that in this deal GE had been allocated 39% of the market, Westinghouse 35%, ITE Circuit Breaker 11%, Allis Chalmers 8%, and Federal Pacific 7%.

The companies would hold secret meetings, say the indictments, designate the company which was to have the swag on the next turn of the wheel, the designated company would set a price and the others would set higher prices. These positions would be rotated periodically, and the result was that, among others, the Government has "been forced to pay high, artificially fixed prices for products" needed, many of them, for defense. GE patriotism!

General Electric, notoriously strong for the "individual rights" of workers so they won't have to belong to unions, is also a heroic opponent of increased wages, as it is trying bravely to save the country from "inflation." And recently the company began spreading the word that if the IUE strikes this year, the company plans to run its plants with scabs behind the picket lines.

Verily, GE is getting ethicaler and ethicaler day by day!

## Them as has, pays!

The Chronicle has discovered that under the new tax laws put through by the Brown Administration better off people are being "discriminated against." It recently announced through its editorial trumpet that the Governor has actually boasted that "more than two thirds of the added revenue produced by the new income tax schedules is coming from persons with annual incomes above \$25,000," and that, dreadful to tell and horrible to contemplate, "the rate increases faster as income rises."

Still more awful, surer to uproot the foundations of the commonwealth of California, is the fact, screamed in agony by the Chronicle, that "incomes below \$10,000 have been favored with a tax reduction."

These roars of anguish did not appear in the Chronicle of the year 1888 or thereabouts, but in the issue of April 18, 1960. No wonder the Chronicle will soon be coming out for Nixon.

## 'Its ridiculous extreme'

Another horrified critic of Governor Brown is the California Farmer, an energetic weekly paper much concerned with getting Mexican nationals imported to prevent American farm workers from becoming union members.

The California Farmer can't see why in the world, or in California, we have to have a Consumer Counsel in the cabinet of the Governor. One paragraph in the paper's attempt to be humorous while being malicious is worth preserving in alcohol:

"Well, carried to its ridiculous extreme, we might find legislators asking themselves, Is this legislation I am now considering good for consumers?"

Our staff of trained logicians has failed to figure out just what the California Farmer meant by that paragraph, because while written against the Governor, it states exactly the by no means "ridiculous extreme" all sensible folk hope and pray for.

## Someone's \$30,000 car

Economic studies made for Congressional committees show that over 30 million Americans have incomes of less than \$2,500 a year, and NAM and the national Chamber of Commerce are doing their derndest to prevent the passing of a Federal minimum wage law setting \$1.25 an hour, or \$50 a week, as the lowest pay that can go to any working American.

No wonder the rich are worried lest a few crumbs fall off the table. For the Wall Street Journal recently, in a report on the state of the economy, says that a Hollywood firm is doing a thriving business converting Cadillac and Rolls Royce models into even more luxurious vehicles. One order now on the books calls for equipping a Rolls with TV, a cocktail bar, desk, refrigerator, and \$1,000 worth of phones. The car will be staffed by a footman as well as a chauffeur.

The fact that someone can pay \$30,000 for this should cheer up the unemployed.



## TRICKY DICK VOTING RECORD IN THE HOUSE

Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, recently called attention of Central Labor Council delegates to Richard Nixon's record in House, Senate and Vice Presidency as reported in the Machinist and reprinted in the Painter and Decorator. The record in Senate and Vice Presidency will be published later by East Bay Labor Journal. But here's the braw lad's record in the House:

On January 3, 1947, shortly before Richard M. Nixon was sworn in to his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives, a Washington reporter asked:

"Do you have any bill you plan to introduce or any pet project you intend to push for?"

"No, nothing in particular," Nixon replied. "I was elected to smash the labor bosses and my one principle is to accept no dictation from the CIO-PAC."

Today, 13 years later, Richard Nixon no longer talks about "labor bosses." He refers to "the honest and sincere men who constitute the great majority of union officers." In the Nixon vocabulary of 1960, the U.S. labor movement is not a source of "dictation" but "a force for good in our society."

Which is the real Nixon? The eager young man who gave an off-the-cuff reply to a reporter's question in a Congressional cloakroom in 1947? Or the presidential candidate who weighs every word.

In an effort to find an answer to that question, the Machinist has carefully analyzed not only Nixon's words, but his voting record during the past 13 years.

Here's how Nixon voted on major domestic issues affecting working families since he entered Congress in 1947.

**Taft-Hartley**—Although only a freshman, Nixon asked for and got assigned to the House Committee on Education and Labor. There he helped write the Hartley version of what was to become the Taft-Hartley Act. ("I played a rather modest part, but perhaps a rather significant part in writing the Taft-Hartley Act.")

The Hartley Bill was denounced by the late Rep. Adolph Sabath of Illinois as "the most vicious, restrictive and destructive anti-labor bill ever brought before this House." The bill would have outlawed industry-wide bargaining, forbidden employer contributions to welfare funds where unions had any part in the administration and made unions subject to the antitrust laws.

Despite his freshman status, Nixon was chosen to wind up House debate for the Hartley Bill. He called it a "bill of rights" that would free American workers from the "unrestrained power" held over them by "the barons of union labor" under the Wagner Act.

On April 17, 1947, the Hartley Bill passed the House, 308-107. Nixon voted for it.

The Hartley Bill went to a

House-Senate conference committee to be "merged" with the Senate's Taft Bill. Out of this conference came the Taft-Hartley Bill.

On June 4, 1947, the House passed the Taft-Hartley Bill, 320-79. Nixon voted for it.

President Truman vetoed the Taft-Hartley Bill, warning that "it would contribute neither to industrial peace nor to economic stability and progress."

On June 20, 1947, the House voted 331-83 to override the President's veto. Nixon voted to override the veto.

Two years later, on May 3, 1949, a bill to repeal Taft-Hartley was offered. The repeal was beaten when the House—including Nixon—voted (217-203) to substitute the Wood Bill, a measure even more drastic than Taft-Hartley itself. (The Wood Bill never became law.)

**Minimum Wage**—On August 10, 1949, the House adopted an amendment withdrawing minimum wage protection from 1,000,000 workers. The amendment passed 225-181. Nixon voted for it.

**Social Security**—On February 27, 1948, Nixon voted for an amendment removing an estimated 625,000 persons from Social Security coverage. These included door-to-door salesmen, persons who work at home on piece work, certain insurance agents, truck and cab drivers and others. The House passed the amendment 275-52.

In vetoing the Social Security slash, President Truman said: "I cannot approve legislation which would deprive many hundreds of thousands of employees, as well as their families, of Social Security benefits when the need for expanding our Social Security System is great."

On June 14, 1948, the House—including Nixon—voted (298-75) to override the President's veto.

A year later, October 5, 1949, a bill to improve pensions and other Social Security benefits was before the House. Nixon supported an effort to side-track this bill in favor of a much weaker substitute. The crippling substitute lost 113-232.

On August 16, 1950, the House voted 188-186 for the Knowland Amendment to the Social Security Act. Among other things, this measure made it possible for states to reduce unemployment benefits to workers who refused to take jobs as scabs.

## OPINIONS

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ETHEL COHEN, 840 York street, Oakland, writes: "Although I am not a member of a union, since insurance agents are not organized, I am nevertheless sympathetic and appreciative of many of the reforms sponsored by labor. I feel I should voice my disappointment at the position taken by Mr. Holmdahl, our State Senator, on the position of capital punishment. When not only the wardens of prisons, but criminologists, ministers, priests and rabbis rise to protest the taking of human life by the State, it is, indeed, disheartening and depressing to see our elected representative take such a backward position. Mr. Holmdahl's testimony did not add to his prestige or those who supported him. It really was childish and immature."

(Editor's Note: But insurance agents ARE organized! Why not join 'em?)

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## WORK RULES

To berate union leaders for taking a firm stand on work rules that protect their members' jobs is no answer at all to the problem. For, to make charges of featherbedding and quit there is the unfair, superficial approach that sees only the effect and not the cause. When machines displace thousands of workers who have no place to turn for a livelihood, not only their unions should be striving to protect their interests, but so should the industries that utilized their labor over the years; and so should all of society.—Boyd Leedom, chairman, National Labor Relations Board.

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## MUST HAVE FACTS

As the public, we can deal with the abuses of labor and the abuses of capital if we get the facts straight. The problem is to get them straight and to keep them in proportion. For this we depend on our press. It is perhaps the most difficult of all problems to assess how newspapers handle the news today.—Louis Lyons, curator of the Nieman Fellowship, Harvard University.

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## SHOCKING

Any American court is supposed to be pro-First Amendment, pro-Fifth Amendment, pro-Fourteenth Amendment and so on. For it is the Constitution the judges are sworn to defend. But it is somewhat shocking to hear that an American judge is supposed to be pro or against anyone who stands before him for justice.—William O. Douglas, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court.

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## PHARMACIST

I have no intention of attempting to justify high prescription prices no matter who is responsible. I do know, as a pharmacist, that the major responsibility rests with the manufacturers and the system which encourages and provides no controls over such profiteering. I maintain that the pharmacist, like the consumer, is a victim.—Geo. Glotzer, pharmacist, Retail Drug Local 1199.

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## THE STANDSTILL

No matter how marvelous our inventions, how productive our industries, how exquisitely automatic our machines, the whole process may be brought to a standstill by its failure to engage the human personality or to serve its needs.—Lewis Mumford, noted writer on American technology